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Kansas Department of Agriculture Advises Proper Use of Herbicides

MANHATTAN, KS — The Kansas Department of Agriculture has learned that problems have arisen regarding misuse of herbicides in the region. Herbicide tolerant cotton and soybean seed is in the marketplace and has been sold in the Midwest. Farmer should be aware that there are currently no dicamba herbicide products labeled for use on cotton or soybeans and there is only one 2,4-D herbicide product labeled for use on tolerant soybeans. It's a misuse to apply a herbicide to a crop that isn't on the product label. Additionally, the impact of drift onto non-tolerant crops nearby may be severe.

The Missouri Department of Agriculture has been mobilizing resources to address a growing number of pesticide drift complaints involving suspected misuse of dicamba (90-95% of complaints) and 2,4-D products (5-10% of complaints) on herbicide tolerant cotton and soybeans, respectively. The number of complaints from growers has risen dramatically in just a few weeks. Adverse effects have been reported in 4 counties in Missouri and involve a broad range of non-target crops including peaches, watermelons, cantaloupes, tomatoes and soybeans. Crop damage has been reported in at least 190 fields covering 816,000 acres in Missouri.

Please help us avoid similar situations in Kansas by following pesticide product labels, avoiding drift and using the products responsibly. For more information about use of pesticides and herbicides in Kansas, please contact the KDA pesticide and fertilizer program at 785-564-6688.

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